

JOHN 10:1-6, 14, 27

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. **2** But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. **5** Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” **6** Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own.

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

THE VOICE OF
THE TRUE SHEPHERD

Knowing Jesus, the True Shepherd

Jesus is:

- God; The Word; The Creator; Light; Glory - John 1:1-4, 14-18
- Savior – John 4:42, Acts 5:31, Phillipians 3:20
- Risen - Mark 16:6
- In Heaven – Mark 16:19; Hebrews 1:1-3
- Living

“I know My sheep, and am known by My own.”

Knowing Jesus, the True Shepherd

Jesus' mission/purpose:

- Reveal God and His Love – John 14:7-11
- Seek and save the lost – Luke 15:4-7
- Lay down His life for us – John 10:11, 15:12-14

Jesus has no other motive than to do what is best for us, teach what is best for us, and lead us to Heaven.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”

Listening to the Voice of Jesus

How does Jesus Speak to Us?

- Through The Word – John 8:31-32
- To the inner man, our hearts

Our response:

- Take up the cross and follow Him - Luke 9:23
- Love Him and keep His commandments – John 14:15

“The sheep follow Him, for they know his voice.”

Warnings Against Being Misled

How do we guard against being misled?

- Understand what Jesus says, what the Bible says, with our hearts open to what it means.
- Do not listen to those who preach contrary to Christ
 - Galatians 1:6-12
- Be careful about wolves in sheep's clothing
 - Matthew 7:15

“They will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Jesus Emphasized the Inner Man

The Sermon on the Mount

- Exceed the righteousness of the scribes and pharisees – Matthew 5:20
- Being angry – 5:21-22
- Love your enemies – 5:43
- Forgive others – 6:14-15
- Do not worry – 6:25
- What's inside will bear fruit, good or bad – 7:15-20

Love God; Love your neighbors – 22:36-40

Do not hate your brother – 1 John 3:15 & 4:20

Be Humble – Luke 14:11 & 18;14

The Mystery of Parables

Whether or not you understand the parable depends on your heart being open to Jesus.

- Matthew 13:10-13

Seeing ourselves in parables

Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

Answering the Call of Jesus

“I have not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance.” – Luke 5:32

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.” – Matthew 10:32

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” – Mark 16:16

“He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”